

Tsunami Warning Coordination:

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A major change has occurred in NOAA's budgeting process. The Program Planning and Budget System (PPBS) has been implemented this year for budgeting in FY 06 and beyond. The impact of PPBS on the NTHMP should be positive, as we have already put in place a program that is in parallel with the system. We will have to review our plan and extend it out to FY 10. Mr. Steve Gallagher, from the NWS CFO office will provide a brief overview of PPBS.

Extensive coordination efforts have taken place over the past year:

PTWC - WC/ATWC backup

- Continue mutual backup service
- Conduct regular communications tests with each other's AOR
- Jointly create/carry out response to IT study recommendations

PMEL

- Participate in NTHMP sponsored far-field forecasting project.

NEIC

- Participate in testing the Global Associator (GLASS) software
- Continue data sharing

Coordination meeting in January 2003 in Puerto Rico:

- PTWC (WC/ATWC as backup) to provide seismic alerts for large earthquakes in Caribbean.
- less than ideal water level network hinders assessments for "all clear" calls, but emergency management accepts limitations until more can be done.
- Provide telephone notification for large earthquakes in the Caribbean

Hawaiian Volcano Observatory

- Continue data sharing
- Provide telephone notification for large Hawaii earthquakes

State of Hawaii

- Participation in the Tsunami Technical Review Committee
- Working towards TsunamiReady - Maui County to be first

Advanced National Seismic System

- Working Group Member of Hawaii Region ANSS

International

- Continue Participation in the ITSU
- Change in warning procedures/criteria in accordance with ITSU recommendations

France

- Installation of sea level gauges at Nuku Hiva and Hiva Oa in the Marquesas Is.

Russia

- Working towards restoration of a coastal gauge in Kuril-Kamchatka region.
- Pacific Region funding effort to create standardized historical tsunami database and laptop version of time of arrival program (see IUGG Tsunami Commission)

Central/South America

- Working towards establishing or upgrading coastal gauges for tsunami detection.
- Extended agreement with Chile to install Chilean purchased DART Buoy

IUGG Tsunami Commission

- Assist with development of uniform historical tsunami database and graphical shell.